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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 7, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory reply period expires on August 7, 2009, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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